

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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| First Named Inventor: | Joseph Altin | |
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| Title: | Model Membrane Systems | Group Art Unit: 1633 |

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of September 20, 2006, Applicants are allowing the instant case to lapse and are filing a continuation application, which is enclosed herewith.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.